

HUMAN BEINGS AND DUMB BEASTS

One thing that ails Chicago is that the powers that be are dealing too much in futures.

The newspapers are howling with all their might for a subway system, and paying no attention at all to rotten transportation conditions that could be remedied **NOW**.

While these learned editors are telling us all about what we ought to have some day in the dim and distant future, people are being packed into street cars **TODAY** in a manner that is actually inhuman.

In order to grind out the last possible nickel and to hold on to all of it they can, traction managers are running too few cars on the surface and elevated lines.

It is a daily occurrence in the morning to see a crowded car stop at a crowded transfer point, and then go ahead without taking one-tenth of the waiting crowd aboard—simply because there is no room.

And men, women, boys and girls stand in the street hoping there will be a chance to get on the next car.

The seats are crowded, the aisles are jammed and the vestibules are packed with people. Packed so tight there isn't room to move—and car after car has meen and boys, and sometimes women and girls, standing on the rear step, hanging onto the hand rails.

In short, the people of Chicago are treated with less consideration than cattle at the stockyards.

Even Big Business wouldn't dare pack cattle in a cattle car as the street car company packs human beings in street cars.

The law would step in and interfere, if self-interest and greed didn't prompt the owners of the cattle to save animal life.

An animal brings cash in the market—a human being doesn't. If they make animals sick, or let them die—it costs money.

But nobody owns people. So they receive less humane consideration than cattle.

What the people want is relief. Not tomorrow, or next year, or after they are dead. They want it today—**NOW**.

We'll all ride in the subway when it is built—unless we have automobiles. But why not do something now

Why not make the traction magnates put on enough cars to haul people to and from their work as human beings, and not as dumb beasts?

The newspapers can help the people **NOW**—if they are free, and not afraid of the capital that owns the cars.